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SUBJECT: POLANDIS AND DENKTASH STATEMENTS ON EMBARGO DECISION

1. FOLLOWING ARE STATEMENTS BY GOC FONMIN ROLANDIS AND
"TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH IN RESPONSE TO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
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FORMULATION OF PROVISION RELATING TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO
TURKEY:

2. BEGIN TEXT ROLANDIS STATEMENT. THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT
CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE DECISION TO LIFT THE
EMBARGO DOES NOT IN ITSELF PAVE THE WAY FOR FAVOURABLE
DEVELOPMENTS AS REGARDS THE PROSPECTS FOR A SOLUTION

TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THIS BECAUSE -- AS PROVED BY LONG EXPERIENCE REINFORCED ALSO BY RECENT STATEMENTS OF TURKISH LEADERS -- ANKARA DOES NOT SHOW ANY INTENTION TO ABANDON ITS NEGATIVE APPROACH TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

NEVERTHELESS, THE DECISION OF THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, AS FORMULATED IN THE FINAL TEXT OF THE BILL REPEALING THE EMBARGO, CONTAINS POSITIVE ELEMENTS BECAUSE:

(A) THE CONDITIONS SET MAINTAIN TO SOME EXTENT A LINK BETWEEN THE SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AND THE DISPLAY OF GOOD FAITH BY THIS COUNTRY IN ITS CYPRUS POLICY.

(B) THE COMPLAINT DEMANDED OF TURKEY WITH THE CONDITIONS SET BLUNTS TO SOME EXTENT THE UNFAVOURABLE IMPRESSIONS CREATED IN CYPRUS BY THE DECISION TO LIFT THE EMBARGO AND MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO EXERT THE NECESSARY INFLUENCE IN THE DIRECTION OF ANKARA.

(C) THE LEVERAGE WHICH HAS BEEN MAINTAINED -- THOUGH TO A REDUCED DEGREE -- BY THE CONDITIONS SET CAN, IF PROPERLY USED BY THE U.S.A., WHICH BY ITS DECISION IS ASSUMING INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES BOTH TOWARDS CYPRUS AND THE UNITED NATIONS, CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL EFFORT TO BREAK THE PRESENT DEADLOCK TO WHICH TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE HAS LED THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND UNCLASSIFIED

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FACILITATE THE FINDING OF A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS.

THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THAT THE PARTIES CONCERNED WILL DULY COMPLY WITH THE NECESSARY PREREQUISITES INCLUDED IN THE FINAL TEXT. END TEXT ROLANDIS STATEMENT.

3. BEGIN TEXT DENKTASH STATEMENT. THE DECISION TO REPEAL THE ARMS EMBARGO IS IMPORTANT FOR TURKISH - U.S. RELATIONS. TURKEY HAS EXPRESSED ITS VIEW ON THE SUBJECT. THE DECISION WILL NOT CHANGE OUR POSITION HERE IN CYPRUS. THE GUIDELINES WE CONCLUDED WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND OUR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THOSE GUIDELINES ARE ON THE TABLE AWAITING THE RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE. OUR POSITION IS ONE THAT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE STRUGGLE WAGED FOR LIBERTY BY A COMMUNITY WHOSE EXTINCTION WAS CONTEMPLATED, AND THE SUFFERINGS ENDURED DURING THIS STRUGGLE. OUR CASE FOR BI-REGIONAL FEDERATION IS BASED ON A REALISTIC CONCEPTION AND PHILOSOPHY THAT WILL PREVENT THE REAWAKENING OF ENOSIS, HINDER THE REPETITION OF EVERYTHING THAT WAS DONE TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY SINCE 1955, AND THE EQUALITY OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES AND FIRM GUARANTEES TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF OUR SUFFERINGS.

GREEK CYPRIOT CLAMOURS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED IN OUR ABSENCE
BY PEOPLE WHO DO NOT KNOW THESE REALITIES CANNOT CHANGE THE
FACTS. NOBODY CAN ONCE AGAIN ENSLAVE THE TURKISH COMMUNITY OR
RENDER IT A HOSTAGE AMONG THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. END TEXT DENKTASH
STATEMENT.
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